

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Susan Schantz and I urge you to drop the requirement that the telephone companies be required to provide ISPs access to their networks. Removal of this requirement would be a grave mistake.

I depend on my local internet service provider to give me access and options not available from the large telephone carriers. This action you are considering will force the independent ISPs out of business and this iwll limit consumer choice.

By removing this requireiement and reducing consumer choice, you will also allow consumer rates to rise. Reducing the number of ISPs in the amrketplace will have the obvious result of reduced competition and increased prices for consumers.

Please think carefully about this action. Consumers all across America are depending on you to make the right decision - to maintain and grow the level of competition in the internet marketplace. That goal is best met by protecting and nurturing competition market conditions for the thousands of independent ISPs and not through their desstruction.

Protect the ISPs access to the public telephone networks and thereby protect the rights of the conumers. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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